

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Eric Walline <ewalline@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 8:59 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Bill1145

As a charter boat operator on L. Michigan, I urge a no vote on SB 1145.



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Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: David Scharich <dscharich1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 7:58 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

Please vote no on SB 1145 regarding commercial fishing for Lake Trout in Lakes Michigan and Superior.
Please encourage other representative to vote no as well.

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Dave Scharich
989.600.9055

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Swieringa, Travis <tswieringa@interactmich.org>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 7:54 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB1145

I am requesting that you vote NO on SB1145. I am a member of the Michigan Charter Boat Association and this bill is not good for our Michigan sport fishery!
Thank you,

Travis Swieringa LPC, LBSW, CAADC, CCS
Chief Clinical Officer
InterAct of Michigan
tswieringa@interactmich.org

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: farfetched@charter.net
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 7:32 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Senate Bill 1145

I strongly urge the committee to not support Senate Bill 1145. Lake Trout has historically been a target of sport fisherman. The potential harm of the passage of this bill could harm the almost \$ 8 billion sport fishing market on the great lakes.

Scott Anderson

10013 E. Lakeview Hills Rd

Traverse City, MI 49684

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Brian Brian <ourhero1987@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 6:25 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: We Do NOT support bill SB 1145

As a charter Captain I strongly believe this will hurt our Fishery and the state of Michigan

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Bob Smith <mariahcharters@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 5:15 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

Please do not support bill. Not good for our sport fishing business Sent from my iPad

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Jim Johnson Mobile <wejay@charter.net>
Sent: Sunday, December 9, 2018 11:16 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Senate Bill 1145

December 9, 2018

Representative Holly Hughes

Chair, House Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee

Dear Representative Hughes:

Having devoted 25 years as manager of the DNR's Lake Huron fishery research station, I reviewed with alarm Senate Bill 1145 which would permit commercial harvest of lake trout from Lake Superior and Lake Michigan. The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Rules 299.771 and 299.791, generally prohibit the commercial take of lake trout and this bill would rescind those rules for these two lakes.

There are good reasons lake trout are protected from commercial harvest. Lake trout were virtually wiped out during the mid-1900s by a combination of commercial overharvest and the invasive sea lamprey. They are slowly recovering under a careful (and very expensive) rehabilitation project of the Great Lakes states, Ontario, and federal agencies, coordinated by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. Only recently have Lake Michigan lake trout shown evidence of reproduction. Lampreys continue to kill lake trout and their effect, combined with recreational and tribal fishing, are pushing mortality rates to their sustainable limits. This is not the time to add yet another source of mortality.

Most of Lake Michigan and eastern Lake Superior, as well as northern Lake Huron are ceded waters of the Treaty of 1836. Fishing rights under this treaty have been in litigation since the 1970s. A Consent Decree under which the tribes and agencies have been working since 2000 expires in August 2020. Negotiations for a new consent decree are beginning now. Tribal fishers argue that most or all fish harvest allocated by the State as "commercial" should be theirs for harvest. Michigan has, to date, resisted opening lake trout to commercial harvest. This bill, however, opens the door for commercial harvest. Almost certainly, the tribes will respond by demanding all commercially available lake trout go to their fishers. In other words, this bill undermines State negotiators by giving over to the tribes lake trout for harvest, at the expense of Michigan's recreational fisheries, at the very outset of negotiations.

With the instability of the forage base of Lake Michigan, lake trout could become the staple for recreational fishing in the near future. Alewives appear to be crucial forage for the continued vibrance of Lake Michigan's Chinook salmon fishery. Alewives disappeared from Lake Huron which led to collapse of that lake's salmon fishery. The resource agencies are struggling to project the future for alewives and salmon in Lake Michigan; what is clear is that, thanks to zebra mussels, quagga mussels, and other ecosystem disrupters, alewives are on a razor's edge. If they fail, we know salmon will follow the path of Lake Huron, where lake trout and walleyes are now the leading recreational species. Giving Lake Michigan's lake trout over to the commercial fishery when so much is uncertain about the future of the lake's fish community is irresponsible and puts at risk this billion-dollar (annually to Michigan) fishing opportunity.

Senate Bill 1145 would also repeal Section 46701 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. Section 46701 allows the DNR to suspend, extend, or modify any State law governing commercial fishing when, in its opinion, that action is necessary for the better protection, preservation, maintenance,

and harvesting of fish. The DNR needs this authority in order to respond to unforeseen changes in Great Lakes ecosystems and commercial fishing opportunities. The Great Lakes continue to be destabilized by invasive species and rescinding Section 46701 essentially ties the DNR's hands as it tries to be responsive to these ongoing challenges.

Finally, this is the wrong way to address the much-needed modernization of the commercial fishing code. I ask that your committee and the legislature instead take up draft legislation backed by MUCC and other organizations. This draft bill would bring the commercial fishing laws up to date while removing innumerable obsolete provisions and protecting the State's position in negotiations with the tribes to replace the expiring 2000 Consent Decree.

Thank you, Representative Hughes, for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

James E. Johnson, DNR Great Lakes Fishery Research Biologist, retired
112 River Rd.
Ossineke, Michigan 49766
Phone: 989-471-2913

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Kent Lockwood <adayawaycharters@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 9, 2018 8:33 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB 1145

Please do not support SB 1145! It is not good for my business or the sport fishery in Michigan.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Dylan Grant <dylangrant2@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 9, 2018 8:00 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Sb1145

Please vote no on SB 1145. Having fished the great lakes every day for 5 months straight chartering the last 8 years I can't imagine the negative impacts with what it would do to the fishery.

Sent from my iPhone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Fred Fay <fredfay@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, December 9, 2018 7:02 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: S B 1145

Do Not Support SB 1145, it is not good for our businesses and sport fishery in Michigan.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

**Fred Fay
Frankfort Mi**

Sent from my iPhone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Greg Alsip <lakeeffectcharters@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 9, 2018 5:38 PM
To: Rep. Cara Clemente (District 14); Rep. Curt VanderWall (District 101); Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91); Rep. Jason Sheppard (District 56); Rep. Scott Dianda (District 110)
Subject: Senate Bill 1145

I strongly oppose senate bill 1145.

-Greg Alsip

Owner/Operator Lake Effect Fishing Charters

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Reel Tales Charters <reel_tales@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 9, 2018 3:23 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Please do not support SB 1145

To: Holly Hughes

From: Scott McDaid (Reel Tales Charter Fishing, LLC)

Date: December 9, 2018

RE: Senate Bill 1145

Please do not support Senate Bill 1145. Supporting this bill would not only put the sport fishing industry in great jeopardy, but it will do the same for the health of the lake. Sport fishing brings a substantial amount of money to the state of Michigan each year, which is one of the reasons people travel to the state of Michigan. Michigan ranks 2nd to only Florida in sport fishing. This bill would eventually wipe out our sport fish, specifically, native Lake Trout. Commercial fishing almost wiped out our lake back in the 1950s and 1960s, which is a reason why it was outlawed. Areas where there is tribal netting has put a huge stress on our fish populations in those areas. The Great Lakes are not able to sustain commercial netting. Let's not repeat history with the dangers of commercial fishing. The Great Lakes are in great jeopardy with the introductions of the many invasive species that they have. Wiping out our native species would surely lead to the crash of our sport fishing and lake health.

Please consider not supporting Senate Bill 1145

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Capt. Mac <sailingmac10@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 9, 2018 3:18 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Senate Bill 1145

The Honorable Holly Hughes:

As a member of the Michigan Association of Charter Captains, I urge you to vote no on Senate Bill 1145. I thank you for reassessing this matter.

Sincerely
Capt. Bevan Leach

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Mel Lafrance <mymistresstwo@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 9, 2018 3:07 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: 1145

Please vote no on bill 1145. Capt Mel Lafrance

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: janice deaton <fishjlyn@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 9, 2018 2:37 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: DO NOT SUPPORT BILL SB1145

Please DO NOT SUPPORT this bill SB1145. It will harm our business if passed. We run a fishing charter business and our business counts on our Lake Trout for our customers catch. We have many customers that come from all over the United States and the World as well that want to catch fish and since our Salmon collapse on Lake Huron the Lake Trout are our main catch now. Please help keep our lakes alive by voting NO on this bill. Thank you for your time. Captains Ken and Janice Deaton Harbor Beach Michigan

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Capt. Steve Jones <captstevejones@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 9, 2018 2:37 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Sb1145

I do not favor this

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Patrick Nowak <pnowak342@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, December 9, 2018 2:36 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: We oppose SB 1145 and respectfully request that you do so too.

We oppose SB 1145 and respectfully request that you do so too.

Regards.

Capt. Pat Nowak
Nancy Anne Sailing Charters LLC
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Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: mikeveine <mikeveine@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 9, 2018 2:30 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB 1145 Bad for Business

I do not support SB 1145 the bill to all sport fish to be kept by commercial fishermen. This is an anti sport fishing bill and is bad for more businesses than the few that will benefit from it.

Capt . Mike Veine

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Larry <llienczewski@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 9, 2018 12:43 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Senate Bill 1145

Dear Representative Holly Hughes,

Please vote against Senate Bill 1145

I oppose allowing our game fish lake trout to be harvested by commercial fishermen (netters).

Thank you,

Larry Lienczewski, Treasure MCBA
Bay City, MI

Michigan Charter Boat Association represents over 400 small business in over 100 ports in Michigan

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Captain Larry Lienczewski
Administrator/Coordinator
MCBA Drug & Alcohol Program
989-684-7943 - 888-903-9449 ~~~~~ ><{{{*>
All People are Worthy of Respect Until They Prove Otherwise

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Leelanaautical <leelanaautical@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 9, 2018 10:29 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB 1145

Dear Chairwoman

I oppose SB 1145 and ask that you don't move this bill to a vote. Below are a few points that support my opinion.

Managing the fisheries of the Great Lakes is a complex task that needs input and consideration from various governments, multiple states and provincial Departments of Natural Resources, federal treaties and stakeholders associations which manage and use the resources.

SB 1145 does not allow for the input and consideration aforementioned.

Fisheries of the Great Lakes are managed by provincial, state, and tribal agencies, with support from the Canadian and U. S. federal governments. Management of Great Lakes fisheries occurs cooperatively for fish populations that support recreational, commercial, or subsistence fisheries or support having a well-balanced and productive fish community. Fishery management agencies agreed in 1981 to cooperate through a non-binding agreement called A Joint Strategic Plan for Management of Great Lakes Fisheries. This agreement supports the tribal commercial and sport fisheries.

Lake Michigan Lake Trout are currently being rehabilitated. The Lake Trout populations in Lake Michigan are not wild fish. These Lake Trout are planted to support the commercial native and sport fisheries.

Lake trout rehabilitation efforts have been occurring on Lake Michigan since the early 1960s (Holey et al. 1995). There has not been however any significant survival of wild lake trout past age-1. Prior to development of this Fisheries Management Implementation Strategy (Strategy), the Lake Michigan Lake Trout Task Group provided a critical review of possible impediments, broadly described as: poor survival of early-life stages, a lake-wide population of lake trout that is too low, and spawning aggregations that are too diffuse and in inappropriate locations (Bronte et al 2003). While much has been learned about this extirpated species in the past 5 decades, the goal of a self-sustaining population in Lake Michigan has remained elusive.

This Strategy is a fusion of recommendations in A Guide for the Rehabilitation of Lake trout in Lake Michigan (Bronte et al. 2008, referred to throughout as the "Guide"), fishery expectations set forth in the Fish Community Objectives (FCOs) for Lake Michigan (Eschenroder et al 1995a), management principles of A Joint Strategic Plan for Management of Great Lakes Fisheries (1997), and constituent considerations. As a historically important native species, great emphasis has been placed on rehabilitation of lake trout by all management agencies on Lake Michigan and the federal government. The reader is referred to the Guide for in-depth information on all parts of the lake-wide rehabilitation strategy. A complete evaluation of the entire Strategy should be completed by the Lake Michigan Technical Committee and reported to the LMC by April 15, 2020.

Strategy Revision

The LMC will conduct a comprehensive review of the Strategy evaluation provided by the Lake Michigan Technical Committee. By October 1, 2020, the LMC shall adopt a new or revised Strategy. Interim (prior to 2020) modifications to the Strategy may be implemented, by consensus of the LMC, if circumstances warrant such modifications. Any modifications to the Strategy will be documented by the LMC. The current plan to rehabilitate lake trout in Lake Michigan is not yet complete and affirming SB 1145 would be premature.

The treaties of 1836 and 1845 have ceded waters to the five native tribes of Michigan. These ceded waters are managed in part by the Consent Decree of 2000. The MDNR is in the preparation stage of negotiating the 2020 Consent Decree. The affirmation of SB 1145 would negatively impact the forthcoming negotiations.

The sport fisheries bring millions of dollars to the State economy. The Charter Boat members that operate on Lake Michigan in 2017 guided almost 50,000 anglers. Sport fishing licenses bring Millions of dollars to the State MDNR which is a user fee based department, only 10% of their revenue comes from the State's general fund. Commercial fishing licenses contribute less than \$15,000 annually to MDNR

This bill will not expand opportunities for state licensed commercial fishers. Stocks will not be left for them because if lake trout become a commercial fish the Tribes have the first right to these fish (Judge Fox ruling.)

The Fox ruling also declared the Tribes could harvest any species of fish, of any size, in any number, in any season, using any type of gear through out the 1836 Treaty waters.

The Tribes have long wanted lake trout to be designated a commercial fish.

As a result of this bill the Tribes could refuse to negotiate a new agreement (the 2000 Consent Decree expires August 7, 2020) and exercise their right from the Fox ruling and claim that lake trout are their fish.

The Tribal attorneys have already stated they want more fish and more species. This could destroy any hope of a chinook salmon recovery.

If there is not a negotiated settlement (remember the Tribes ask for the courts to allocate the fishery) then the Tribal management plan will allow the Tribes to take all available stocks.

This bill will allow the Tribes to eliminate by catch limits on lake trout that become entangled in their whitefish gill nets. Remember, gill nets kill all fish that get entangled in them.

Lake trout have not been recognized as a commercial fish for over 50 years.

Federal and state efforts at lake trout rehabilitation are bringing back the stocks but we are no where near total rehabilitation. Remember it was commercial over harvest along with sea lamprey that devastated these stocks.

Managing lake trout for rehabilitation requires a lower mortality rate which means harvest limits have to be lower.

If the state declares the lake trout to be a commercial fish the Tribes will pursue them based on commercial mortality rates rather than the much lower rehabilitation rate.

An effective sport fishery requires a larger stock of lake trout than necessary for a successful commercial fishery.

In many areas of Lake Michigan the lake trout has become the bread and butter fish of sport anglers because of the rapid decline of chinook salmon stocks. Last summer if it wasn't for the lake trout there would have been no sport fishery.

If the sport fishery crashes what happens? Well, sport anglers buy boats, motors, electronics, fishing rods and reels and other fishing accessories, hard working men and women make those products and hard working men and women sell us those products.

There are many mom and pop tackle shops in Michigan and in many of the towns and villages along the lake shore who have seen their business decline with the decline of the chinook salmon. Do you really want to put them out of business?

The charter boat industry has declined for the same reasons and they need the lake trout fishery to maintain their livelihood.

I respectfully request that you do not support Senate Bill 1145 because it is ill conceived, reckless and irresponsible.

Capt. Tony Radjenovich
Reelin Leland Fishing Charters
231-866-0053

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: edwardiii1453 <edwardiii1453@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 8, 2018 4:54 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Bill 1145

Dear Holly I am writing to you about bill 1145. I am from wisconsin and operate a charter boat for the Last 15yrs. Our Salmon fishing has changed drastically in the last 5yrs, meaning I have been fishing lake trout on a regular basis to get my customers fish. If Michigan allows commercial fisherman to take these lake trout Wisconsin will follow. That lake doesn't have enough lake trout for all the commercial fisherman to take. Please vote no on this bill. The charter industry is a 7 billion dollar industry on lake michigan. This will crumble our industry. Thank you captain ed. Shur katch charters two rivers wi.
Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Rick Konecke <rick@wipeoutcharters.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 8, 2018 6:27 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Sb1145

Senator I am a avid hunter and fisherman here in Michigan and I am asking you to not continue with SB1145 it would adversely affect the sport men and women in Michigan and hurt Michigan tourism. Thank you Rick Konecke

Sent from my iPhone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: oldgrin@aol.com
Sent: Friday, December 7, 2018 3:09 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB1145

Dear Representative Hughes

The Michigan Charter Boat Association (MCBA) does not support SB1145 and urges you not to consider it or pass it out of committee.

Rather please consider SB 925 beginning
first of the year as a new Commercial fishing statute so long over due

Respectfully

Captain Denny Grinold

State Affairs Officer, MCBA

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Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Jim Vander Maas <jvmaas@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, December 7, 2018 2:28 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB1145

Holly,

I am the president of Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources and we have "amici curiae" status in the Federal Court case of the Tribes/US Government vs State of Michigan Great Lakes Tribal Fishing Rights case. I have been very involved in Tribal issues since 1998.

In 1979 Judge Fox ruled that the Tribes can harvest any species of fish, in any number, of any size, in any season using any type of gear in the 1836 Treaty waters which runs north on Lake Michigan from the mouth of the Grand River to the UP.

In 1984 the Tribes asked Federal Judge Enslen to allocate the fishery because of confrontations between sport and Tribal fishers at DNR launch ramps. The judge refused and said he wanted a negotiated settlement. We have had two of these settlements one in 1985 (15 year agreement) and one in 2000 (a 20 year agreement.)

We hope to start negotiations in 2019 for a new agreement. If SB1145 passes, and lake trout are made a commercial species I don't think there is a prayer to get the Tribes to the negotiating table.

The Tribes will go back to Judge Fox's ruling and exercise their rights. The state licensed commercial fishers will not benefit from the passage of this bill. The "mom and pop" sport shops and charter boats operators along with the sport fishing public are the ones who will take it on the chin.

I apologize for the lack of brevity but should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Jim Vander Maas
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Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Frank Krist <krist@speednetllc.com>
Sent: Friday, December 7, 2018 1:52 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: The Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association strongly opposes moving Senate Bill 1145 forward

Dear Representative Hughes:

The Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association is centered in Northeastern Michigan but it has been very active statewide in Great Lakes and inland fishery issues. We understand that Senate Bill 1145 is being reviewed by the House Tourism and Recreation Committee that you Chair. The mission of the Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association is to advise and work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, other agencies and the public to improve and promote the Great Lakes and inland fisheries throughout Michigan. For over 30 years, members of the Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association have worked closely with commercial fishers in northern Lake Huron to share the whitefish fishery. However, Senate Bill 1145 would allow State commercial fishing for lake trout in the waters of Lakes Michigan and Superior and the Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association is strongly against this change. Lake trout have been protected from commercial fishing for nearly 5 decades in these and the other Great Lake waters because it is a reliable recreational species that consistently supplies fishing opportunities throughout the season. The lake trout is the most dependable of all trout and salmon species and are usually found close to ports the entire season. Lake trout complement the highly migratory salmon fishery that is often only available in areas for short periods each season as the salmon move throughout the lakes. The stability of the important lake trout fishery supports and is critical to the success of the very valuable and economically important Great Lakes sports fishery. We strongly urge that you as Chair of the Tourism and Recreation House Committee not to move this detrimental bill forward.

Thank you very much for considering the concerns of the Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association.

Frank Krist,
Vice President, Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association
515 S 1st Street
Rogers City Michigan 49779
989 351-2053

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Tom Rasmussen <sueleecharTERS@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 9:47 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB 1145

I strongly disagree with this SB
1145 bill. Harmful for everyone concerned.
Thomas Rasmussen

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

SENATE BILL 1145

This bill reclassifies lake trout from a sport fish to a commercial fish to satisfy the state licensed commercial fishing industry.

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As a result of this bill the Tribes could refuse to negotiate a new agreement (the 2000 Consent Decree expires August 7, 2020) and exercise their right from the Fox ruling and claim that lake trout are their fish.

This is not the best way to get the Tribes to the negotiating table.

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The charter boat industry has declined for the same reasons and they need the lake trout fishery to maintain their livelihood.

I respectfully request that you do not support Senate Bill 1145 because it is ill conceived, reckless and irresponsible.

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Brian <truebluetc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 11:33 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Bill 1145

It is my understanding that bill 1145 has been moved to recreation. I have been a charter fishing operator for 30 years in traverse city and past president of the grand traverse area sport fishing Association. This bill allowing state commercial fishers to target and keep lake trout is a horrible idea for the lakes and tourism. Tribal targeting of lake trout is something we can not stop but we can work with them to establish total allowable catch quota per area. The fishery is shared between sport community and the tribal. The simple question is whose allocation are these new lake trout going to be taken from? And the answer is just as simple, the sportfishermans!!! The tribes will not only not give up a single fish, they are arguing for more share of the quota as it is. To expect the tribes to allow state commercial fishers to eat into their quaint is laughable. So that will leave the sport fishers holding the bag.

My marina has 8 charter fishers in it now and we rely on lake trout for our living. We run almost 10,000 clients through our marina each summer. Those people buy licenses, hotel rooms, meals and other goods that stimulate our economy. Each lake trout is worth hundreds of dollars to us.

That same lake trout kept in a net is worth about 25 cents per pound. It's not a profitable commercial fish at all but it's hugely important to the recreational anglers and our communities.

Please stop this bill

Regards,
Brian Springstead
True blue charters
Traverse city Michigan
2312184493
Sent from my iPhone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: scott miller <recruiterfish@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 11:23 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB1145 - Reject it - Bad for Michigan

Holly - I spend a lot of my tourist dollars fishing the Muskegon area. This new bill 1145 is a bad idea - commercial fishing only serves a few and it will impact the fishing where I fish every year.

Do the right thing and vote no.

Scott

Sent from my iPhone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Hunter Engel <huntagoose@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 7:39 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: No on SB 1145

We are a charter fishing family and allowing bill SB 1145 would devastate our business and our community. Please vote no on SB 1145

Hunter Engel
Best Chance Charter Fishing
616-218-4718

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Henry Walters <Sportsmen-Charters@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 7:36 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Bill SB1145

Good morning

As Bill SB1145 is being voted on today, I urge you to please do not support SB 1145, it is not good for our charter boat businesses and sport fishery in Michigan.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely

Capt. Henry Walters, Jr.

Michigan Charter Boat Association

Director

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Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Lee Price <captainleeprice@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 7:02 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Commercial Fishing is a BAD idea!

Do Not Support SB 1145, it is not good for our businesses and sport fishery in Michigan

**Captain Lee Price
Pentwater, Michigan**

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: John Giszczak <fishstraycat@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 6:54 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB 1145

I do not support the passing of sb 1145

Quit Wish-In Go Fish-In <((((><
Captain John Giszczak
Stray Cat Charter Fishing LLC
734-787-0030
Secretary, Michigan Charter Boat Association
www.straycatcharterfishing.com

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Reel Tales Charters <reel_tales@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 5:22 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Fw: Please do not support SB 1145

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From: Reel Tales Charters <reel_tales@yahoo.com>
To: "hollyhughes@house.mi.gov" <hollyhughes@house.mi.gov>
Sent: Sunday, December 9, 2018, 3:23:27 PM EST
Subject: Please do not support SB 1145

To: Holly Hughes

From: Scott McDaid (Reel Tales Charter Fishing, LLC)

Date: December 9, 2018

RE: Senate Bill 1145

Please do not support Senate Bill 1145. Supporting this bill would not only put the sport fishing industry in great jeopardy, but it will do the same for the health of the lake. Sport fishing brings a substantial amount of money to the state of Michigan each year, which is one of the reasons people travel to the state of Michigan. Michigan ranks 2nd to only Florida in sport fishing. This bill would eventually wipe out our sport fish, specifically, native Lake Trout. Commercial fishing almost wiped out our lake back in the 1950s and 1960s, which is a reason why it was outlawed. Areas where there is tribal netting has put a huge stress on our fish populations in those areas. The Great Lakes are not able to sustain commercial netting. Let's not repeat history with the dangers of commercial fishing. The Great Lakes are in great jeopardy with the introductions of the many invasive species that they have. Wiping out our native species would surely lead to the crash of our sport fishing and lake health.

Please consider not supporting Senate Bill 1145

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Tyler Charles <preferredlawnandsnow@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 1:37 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB 1145

Commercial fishing does not belong in our great lakes. It will do nothing but hurt our fishery and destroy our ecosystem. Please vote no on Senate Bill 1145.

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Terry Walsh <captwalsh@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 10:29 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB 1145

Terrible Bill. Terrible timing with 2020 Consent Decree negotiations just ahead. Lake trout are NOT fully self-sustainable in Lake Michigan. With whitefish stocks so low, BOTH the Indians and white commercial fishers are going to demand lake trout. With salmon numbers so far down, lake trout are the saving grace for the multi million dollar recreational fishery. There's one intelligent choice here: VOTE NO ON SB 1145!

Terry R. Walsh
Lake Huron Citizens Fishery Advisory
Committee
MUCC Member
MCBA Past President
MCBA Board of Directors
40 years as MCBA Captain

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Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Fred Fay <fredfay@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 9:48 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB 1145

Do Not Support SB 1145, it is not good for our businesses and sport fishery in Michigan

Thank you
Fred Fay
Sent from my iPhone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Capt. Harold DeHart <captfrog4243@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 9:29 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Senate bill 1145

Dear Rep. Hughes,

As a past President of the Michigan Charter Boat Association (M.C.B.A.), current Fisher in Lake Michigan and a constituent of yours, I implore you to vote against the proposed Senate Bill 114!

Sincerely,
Capt. Harold DeHart
North Muskegon, MI

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Brian Brian <ourhero1987@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 9:25 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: We oppose SB1145

WE DO NOT SUPPORT SB 1145
Thank you.

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Dakotah Dada <dakotahdada@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 9:10 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB 1145

Ms. Hughes, my name is Dakotah Dada. I am a first mate with chinook pier sport fishing charters. I am sending you this email in regards to Senate bill 1145 which would open up commercial fishing. I strongly disagree with this bill and I believe I speak for most when I say this should not be passed. You will be putting a large sport fishing industry at risk by allowing this. I have many friends who's livelihood depends on sport fishing. The great lakes fisheries are far to sensitive as it is. I urge you to vote no on this bill. Thank you, happy holidays to you and yours.

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Capt. Ronald Racine Jr <jenracine@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 8:49 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Vote

I vote no on SB 1145 thank you Captain Ronald Racine Jr Sent from my iPhone



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A Statement by the Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association Against Senate Bill 1145, a Commercial Fishing Amendment

by Frank Krist

To the House Tourism and Outdoor Recreation

December 19, 2018

I am Frank Krist, the Vice President of the Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association. I would like to thank Chair Hughes and the other Committee Members for the opportunity to provide comments on Senate Bill 1145. The Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association is centered in Northeastern Michigan, but it has been very active statewide in Great Lakes and inland fishery issues. The mission of the Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association is to advise and work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, other agencies and the public to improve and promote the Great Lakes and inland fisheries throughout Michigan.

For over 30 years, members of the Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association have worked closely with commercial fishers in northern Lake Huron to share the whitefish fishery. However, Senate Bill 1145 would allow State commercial fishing for lake trout in the waters of Lakes Michigan and Superior and the Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association is strongly against this change. Lake trout have been protected from commercial fishing for nearly five decades in these and the other Great Lake waters because it is a reliable recreational species that consistently supplies fishing opportunities throughout the season. The lake trout is the most dependable of all trout and salmon species and are usually found close to ports the entire season. Lake trout complement the highly migratory salmon fishery that is often only available in areas for short periods each season as the salmon move throughout the lakes. The stability of the important lake trout fishery supports and is critical to the success of the very valuable and economically important Great Lakes sports fishery. We strongly urge the Tourism and Recreation House Committee not to move this detrimental bill forward.

Thank you very much for considering the concerns of the Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank Krist", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Frank Krist, Vice President
Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association
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Rogers City MI 49779
989 351-2053

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: rontabs <rontabs@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 8:26 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Sb1145 please do not support

Capt. Ron tabizdon
TabsSportFishing Charters

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: jim milan <smilinmilan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 8:13 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB 1145

We do not need or want commercial fishing in the great lakes. Look at history. Lake Michigan was depleted of fishing in the late 50's because of commercial fishing.

It is finally getting some of the stock back. If it were not for the Indian Commercial fishing it would be better for all of us. Industrial Commercial Fishing will destroy what we have left.

Jim Milan South Haven, Michigan Private Sport Fisherman. 269-491-3222

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: PHIL RETHERFORD <catchabunchcharters@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 8:07 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB 1146

Do Not Support SB 1145, it is not good for our businesses and sport fishery in Michigan.

**Capt. Phil
Catchabunchcharters**

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: oldgrin@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 6:31 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Re: SB1145

Dear Representative Hughes

Understand that SB 1145 may still be alive. Once again the Michigan Charter Boat Association does not support the bill in any form what so ever. You are urged not to pass this bill out of committee.

Respectfully

Captain Denny Grinold

State Affairs Officer, MCBA

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Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Talon Charters <taloncharters@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 5:40 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB1145

I want to oppose SB1145 since this bill will hinder the upcoming 2020 negotiation with the tribes. I feel SB945 would be better for the State of Michigan Fisheries.
Captain Rich Haslett